



ST. MARGARET'S PARISH

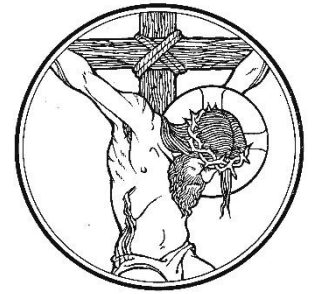
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Newsletter for the 5th Sunday of Lent, Year B

17th March 2024

SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

SUNDAY MASS:

St Margaret's: 10 am
All Saints, Inveraray, 12: 30
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 4 pm)

WEEKDAYS MASS

St Margaret's Church:

Tuesday 10:30 am

Wednesday 5-6 pm

Adoration of the Holy Eucharist
Station of the Cross 6:15 pm
(Taynuilt Parish Mass: 10:30am)

Thursday 10:30 am

Friday 10:30 am

Exposition of the Holy Eucharist
at 10 am before Mass

Saturday 10:30 am

Confession after Mass

CONFESSION

from Tuesday to Saturday
9:15 am - 9:40 am
before Mass and on request

Please use the QR code
below to make donations
to the parish.



St Margaret RC Church, Lochgil

Resurrection



...unless a grain of wheat
falls into the earth and dies,
it remains just a single grain;
but if it dies, it bears much
fruit.

SUNDAY HYMNS

Entrance 498 Now the green blade riseth
Offertory 641 Take our bread
Communion 635 Sweet Sacrament Divine
Recessional 188 By the blood that flowed from thee

Responsorial Psalm.

**A pure heart create
for me, O God**

Visitors: A warm welcome to all our visitors to St. Margaret/ Inveraray Mass station. We are glad you worship with us today, may almighty God bless you all. Please, join us after Mass for Tea/Coffee.

St. Margaret church, Tea/Coffee at the parish's Tent outside the church. **All Saints Inveraray** Tea/Coffee at the back of the church after Mass. Our gratitude goes to the Hospitality group who made this possible, God bless you!

Baby Gilda: Roddy and Charlotte extends their gratitude to God and all the parishioners for their prayers. Gilda arrived safely on the 8th of March. We thank God for this wonderful gift!

Chrism Mass

Wednesday 20th March

St. Columba's Cathedral, Oban at 6:30 pm.

**There is no Holy Hour and Station
of the cross on this day.**

Canon Roddy Johnston: Canon died on the 16th Saturday morning in the Belford Hospital, Fort William. Until his death, Roddy was the Vicar General of the Diocese. Please, let us remember him in our prayers.

James Smyth: James died at about 8:05 on Saturday the 16th in Ardfenaig care home. Let us remember James in our prayers.

My Lenten Donation: We are all aware our church is getting worse every day, the Altar pillars, the dampness of both the main church and sacristy, and the lighting, some of the lights are no longer working. This is why **My Lenten Donation Envelope** is so important at this time to support the church's restoration. The little we raised at the end of lent we shall start work to restore our church. Pick up an envelope on the porch of the church.

Collections for the 4th Sunday of Lent

St. Margaret and All Saints Inveraray:

Cash **£89.56**,

Gift Aid **£115.00**,

Total: **£204.56**

SCIAF Collection: **£347.00**

REFLECTIONS

Memento Mori

For this week of Lent leading up to Palm Sunday, it may be helpful for all of us to begin meditating on how God incarnate became the grain of wheat, indeed has become food and drink for us, leading us to an eternal harvest. We are invited this week to reflect again on the words we heard on Ash Wednesday, remember you are dust and to dust you shall return. And then ask ourselves, how can I be like that grain of wheat? What are the weeds in my garden that I need to pull?

How can I invest myself more into what really matters in this life? Who is that person in my life I need to stop taking for granted and love the way I am called to love? What are the ways that I can grow closer to the Lord as I make my pilgrimage to Holy Week? This is why I think a “memento mori” every so often is not all together bad. It can be in fact be very good if it helps us reorient our focus to where it should be: our Easter hope

(Bishop Frank Schuster)

The Danger of the Cross

We frequently say that we are saved through the cross of Jesus. But here is where we need to be very careful. It is important for us to understand how we are saved through the cross of Jesus. What is it about Jesus’ crucifixion that saves us? We know that Jesus’ crucifixion was unjust, brutal, and horrible. We are safe to say that there is nothing about the injustice, the brutality, and the horror that saves us. All of these things were evil things.

Had we been present during Jesus’ life, we should have taken every step we could to prevent Jesus—or anyone else for that matter—from experiencing such an unjust and horrible death. So we are not saved by the injustice or brutality of the cross. What we are saved by is the love and service of Christ who embraces the cross and the power of God that raises Jesus from the dead. It is the love of Christ and the power of God that saves us. And that love is stronger than the evil of the cross.

To say this in another way: There is nothing good in the cross itself. But good comes to us through the cross because what comes to us through the cross is the love of Christ and the power of God.

(Fr. George Smiga)

Journey to the Cross

Journey to the Cross is a very moving and reflective opportunity to engage with the events of Easter in a fresh way, using a series of displays to tell the Easter story in multi-sensory ways, and help involve the visitor in all that happened.

It will take place in Ardrishaig Public Hall from lunchtime on Maundy Thursday until lunchtime on Saturday - opening hours are on the posters.

The Public Hall is the one on the left just past our village shops (next to our new Morrisons) as you head north,(or on the right as you head south!), and parking is in the car park opposite, on the seaward side of the road.

2024 Lent and Holy Week Schedule

Stations of the Cross Wednesday

- At 6:15 pm, after Holy Hour

Chrism Mass Wednesday 20th March

- St. Columba’s Cathedral, Oban at 6:30 pm

Palm Sunday 24th March:

- St. Margaret’s Mass at 10 am
- All Saints Inveraray 12:30 pm

Tuesday (Holy Week) 26th March, Individual Retreat Day

- At St. Margaret’s church

Activities:

Mass at 10:30, exposition of the Holy Eucharist, Confession, Fraternal chat until 3 pm.

(Please, book your one hour for individual adoration at the porch e.g. 11am-12noon, 12noon-1pm, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3 p)

Holy Thursday 28th March:

- Holy Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 9 pm
- Altar of Repose after Mass until 11 pm

Good Friday 29th March:

- Service of the Lord’s Passion 3 pm

Holy Saturday 30th March:

- Vigil Mass of Easter 9 pm.

Easter Sunday 31st March:

- St. Margaret’s Mass at 10 am
- All Saints Inveraray 12:30 pm